

Board of Selectmen

Minutes of June 11, 2007

Approved: June 25, 2007

I. Call to Order

Chair Creighton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Selectmen Gould and Salomon, Interim Town Administrator Philip Munck and members of the public. Mr. Munck served as the Recording Secretary for this session.

II. Selectmen Items

a. Chipper Bids. Chair Creighton opened bids received in response to RFP 2007:02 on a brush chipper and announced the following proposals:

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| Brown Enterprises | Rayco RC12-JD | \$30,400 |
| Brown Enterprises | Rayco RC16.5 | 42,600 |
| Hawkensen Equipment | Bandit 1590 | 37,878 |
| Hawkensen Equipment | Bandit 1290XP | 37,059 |
| Hawkensen Equipment | Bandit 250XP | 34,512 |
| Nortrax Equipment | Morbark Tornado 15 | 36,270 |

The Board referred the bids to Road Agent Robert Strout for review and recommendation.

b. Mobile Phone Coverage in East North Hampton. Selectman Gould said that he had been asked by a resident for the status of efforts to bring mobile telephone service to the eastern part of the Town.

Mr. Denis Kokernak and Mr. David Maxson gave a presentation on what the various telecommunications carriers were doing with respect to North Hampton and an update of research on coverage possibilities with a Distributed Antenna System (DAS) within the Town. They said that the decision-making programs in use by the carriers do not place North Hampton high on their priorities at the moment. Mr. Maxson pointed out that the most promising short term potential for service would be from the installation of an additional 800 mHz antenna array on the tower in Rye. They also said that carriers are sensitive to customer complaints and that a letter from the Board of Selectmen would help keep pressure on.

After additional discussion, the Board agree to correspond with the carriers and asked that they be provided with the necessary information to write the letters. They also asked for sample letters that could be posted on the Town web site for citizens who might want to correspond with carriers.

c. D.A.R.E Grant from Wal-Mart. Police Chief Brian Page told the Board that a \$1,000 grant has been offered for use in the Town's D.A.R.E. Program. He said the money would be used to pay for field trips and other activities for pupils in the program.

Moved by Mr. Salomon, seconded by Mr. Gould that, pursuant to RSA 31:95(b), the Town accepts a grant of \$1,000 from Wal-Mart to be utilized for the D.A.R.E. Program in a non-lapsing account.

Motion carried unanimously.

d. Perambulation of Town Boundaries. Chair Creighton asked for an update on the perambulation of Town lines as required by RSA 51:2. Mr. Munck reminded the Board that the statute requires perambulation every seven years or less. A joint survey of the Rye/North Hampton line is presently underway. He said that records indicate that previous lines had been perambulated in 1996 and earlier. Ms. Jennifer Landman said that the lines were walked in 2003 when she was on the Board of Selectmen and that she would provide the Town with another copy of her report.

e. Emergency Response Review. Chair Creighton said that there should be an periodic review and update of emergency procedures. Chief Page reviewed the status of the major emergency plans and said that the Emergency Management Plan is currently being retyped to conform to federal standards. Chair Creighton suggested that the Board be briefed on the document when it is complete and that an annual review be scheduled in the spring following Town elections.

f. Harassment Policy & Prevention Training. Chair Creighton asked if there is a policy requiring training in preventing harassment in the Town workplace. Mr. Munck said that the Town has a written harassment policy but that it does not address training issues. The Board asked Mr. Munck to check with LGC for recommendations on retraining intervals.

g. Heritage Commission Appointments. Chair Creighton read a letter from the Heritage Commission recommending reappointment of three persons to the Commission.

Moved by Mr. Gould, seconded by Mr. Salomon that Jane Currivan be reappointed to a three-year term as a Commissioner and that Jane Palmer and Ben King be reappointed to one-year terms as Alternate Commissioners. Motion carried unanimously.

h. Seacoast Metropolitan Planning Commission TAC Appointment. The Board was advised that the appointment of Robert Landman to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of the Seacoast Metropolitan Planning Commission expires this month and that he would like to be reappointed.

Moved by Mr. Gould, seconded by Mr. Salomon that Robert Landman be reappointed to a one year term as North Hampton's representative to the Technical Advisory Committee of the Seacoast Metropolitan Planning Commission for a one-year term commencing July 1, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

i. Climate Change Warrant Article. Mr. Salomon said that Warrant Article #25 voted by the 2007 Town Meeting requested that a voluntary energy committee be established to recommend local steps to save energy and reduce emissions. The Board agree that such a committee should be established and requested that volunteers be solicited for it.

III. Non- Public Session

Moved by Mr. Gould, seconded by Mr. Salomon that the Board go into non-public session as provided by RSA 91-A:3. Roll vote: Yeas: All, Nays: None. Fire Chief Thomas Lambert participated in a portion of the session.

No decisions were reached or action taken.

Moved by Mr. Gould, seconded by Mr. Salomon that the Board return to public session. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Administration/Business

a. Health Officer. Mr. Munck informed the Board that former Deputy Fire Chief Corey Landry was the Health Officer and that the position is now vacant.

Moved by Mr. Gould, seconded by Mr. Salomon that Philip L. Munck, Interim Town Administrator, a resident of New Hampshire, be appointed Health Officer with no additional compensation.

b. Original North Hampton Forever Bond Anticipation Note. The Board discussed the history of the first property acquisition of property by North Hampton Forever which was purchased with the proceeds of a \$180,000 Bond Anticipation Note (BAN). The original intention of the Town had been to raise funds for individual property purchases by issuing BAN's that would then be "rolled into" one or more bonds with the interest on the BAN's being capitalized into the bond issue(s). The \$180,000 BAN and accrued interest was paid off with General Fund monies in 2003 and the fact was not noted until some time later. Mr. Munck said that research so far indicates that the BAN could not be repaid from a bond issued so many years after the payoff of the note.

It was the consensus of the Board of Selectmen that the intention of the Town was to spend no more than the \$4 million originally raised and appropriated (plus the proceeds of any grants received) and that the final total amount of bonds issued should be \$4 million less the \$180,000 plus interest incorrectly repaid.

c. Health Insurance for Elected/Appointed Officials. In response to a request, Mr. Munck reported that the Town allows elected officials and members of official Town boards and commissions to purchase health insurance through the Town's health insurance policy paying the full premium for the coverage in advance. He said that the insurance carrier considers North Hampton to be in a large enough rating group that the addition or removal of such non-employee members would have no impact on premiums. He said that the insurance's rules require only that the coverage be made available to at least 75% of the eligible group.

The Board requested that boards and commissions be reminded of the availability of this coverage.

V. Adjournment

At 9:25 p.m., moved by Mr. Gould, seconded by Mr. Salomon to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip Munck
Interim Town Administrator